15-5-89. The options have already been exercised by the employees and action thereon has been taken in accordance with the orders passed by the Supreme Court.

(c) Does not arise.

Security Money for Installation of New Telephone Connections by Delhi Telephone Nigam

841. SHRIMATI MANORAMA PADNEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Delhi charge Rs. 1980/- as security money from the customers at the time of installation of new telephone connections;

(b) if so, since when this security is being charged and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this security is not being charged from the old subscribers;

(d) whether any interest on this security is paid to the subscribers, if so, the rate thereof;

(e) if the reply to part (d) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether a copy of the rules and regulation in this connection be laid on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) On sanctioning of a telephone, all subscribers in non-OYT categories in Delhi as elsewhere in the country are required to pay advance of one year's rental plus bi-monthly rental as per provisions contained in the Indian Telegraph Rules. The present rate of bi-monthly rental is Rs. 330/- and thus it comes to Rs. 1980/- for a year. According the amount of deposit of Rs. 1000 received at the time of making an application plus interest accrued thereon is adjusted towards the same.

(b) and (c) One year's advance rental is being charged from all the subscribers since 1-1-1968. It is as per Indian Telegraph Rules.

(d) and (e) No interest is being given to the subscriber on this Advance Rental as a matter of policy.

(f) Extract copy of relevant Rules is enclosed as statement.

Statement

Extract from Para 215 of P & T Manual Vol. XIV.

(2) One year's advance rental from non-OYT subscribers in M/R exchanges.

All the non-OYT telephone subscribers who get the telephone connection in Measured Rate area on or after 1st January 1968, are required to pay in addition to the advance of one quarter's rent, advance of one year's rental applicable to the station concerned before the telephone connection is provided. In the case of Government subscribers the payment of the rental of one year in addition to the quarterly rental in advance need not be insisted upon before provision of the connection but the same should be billed for and recovered subsequently by the billing authority on receipt of information regarding installation of the telephone. The advance rental for one year thus recovered will not be adjusted against any bill during the currency of the telephone. However, when the telephone is closed, the advance rental will be refunded to the subscriber after adjustment of any dues from him.